

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The claims of the above-identified patent application are as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
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10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Withdrawn) Compositions according to claim 7 wherein said compositions comprise lactoferrin or iniferine.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Previously Withdrawn and Currently Re-presented and Amended) A method of stabilizing compositions containing oil-soluble or water-soluble oxygen-labile species or combinations thereof comprising adding to said compositions the composition according to claim 17. ~~oil-soluble or water-soluble oxygen-labile species one or more stabilizer compounds selected from the group consisting of:~~
  - ~~a) thio-containing compounds; and~~
  - ~~b) glycoproteins.~~
17. (Previously Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising a retinoid and at least two oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, and a tocopherol; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

18. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 17 wherein said composition further comprises at least one water-soluble oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of niacin, thiamine, riboflavin, folic acid, pyrodoxine, pantothenic acid, niacinamide, lipoic acid, dihydrolipoic acid, and an amino acid.

19. (Previously Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising therapeutically active amounts of at least one oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of a retinoid, choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, and a tocopherol; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid, a tocopherol and an ascorbic acid and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Amended) A composition comprising a retinoid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition, a tocopherol in an amount of about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition and an ascorbic acid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 20% by weight of the composition and N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.001% to about 5% by weight of the composition and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

23. (Previously Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising a retinoid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition, a tocopherol in an amount of about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition and an ascorbic acid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 20% by weight of the composition N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.001% to about 5% by weight of the composition and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

24. (Previously Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising an ascorbic acid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 5% by weight of the composition, a retinoid in the amount of from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition and N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.001% to about 0.1% by weight of the composition and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions,

25. (Canceled)